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Applicants: Carrino et al. Art Unit: 1637  
Application No.: 10/014,128 Examiner: H. Calamita  
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Title: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR RAPIDLY GENERATING  
RECOMBINANT NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES

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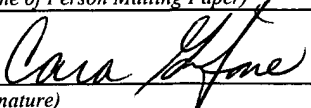
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In connection with the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, and responsive to the Office Action mailed August 17, 2004, which the Examiner has made final, entry of the amendment and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendment and following remarks respectfully are requested.

Applicants and Applicants' representative gratefully acknowledge the careful attention to the application and helpful suggestions made by the Examiner in the telephone conference held on or about August 30, 2004.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on this date, December 16, 2004, in an envelope addressed to: <b>MAIL STOP: RCE</b> , Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	
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